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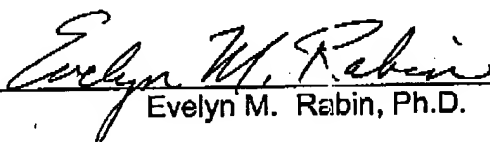
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- ☒ Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (2 pages)
- ☒ Corrected Section (Amendments to the Claims) of the Non-compliant Amendment filed December 20, 2004 (4 pages)
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Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment with a mail date of March 29, 2005, attached is a corrected copy of the amendment filed December 20, 2004. As required by the Notice, Claim 21 has been corrected to show strikethrough of "preferably" in Line 5 and also in Line 7 of the claim.

It is believed that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the instant application be allowed to issue. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

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an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees, which may be required by this paper or at any time during prosecution of the instant application, or credit any overpayment, to deposit account 50-2134.

Respectfully submitted,

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